Sustainability provides future generations with a tomorrow that’s better than today.

Sustainability is a core mission at Sound Transit. The agency encourages sustainability by providing affordable, environmentally friendly travel options that connect people to where they live, work and play. Delivering transit projects and services also helps foster a healthy environment, community and economy. To reflect these values, the agency built its Sustainability Plan and annual targets around the pillars of people, planet and prosperity. In 2024, Sound Transit will carry out a wide range of sustainability projects. This year’s efforts focus on integrating sustainability into capital project design, construction, and operations. The decisions made today will keep sustainability part of Sound Transit’s system for years to come.

Environmental and Sustainability Management System

Sound Transit’s internationally certified Environmental and Sustainability Management System implements the agency’s Sustainability Plan. Since 2007, Sound Transit has been among a select number of transit agencies nationwide to achieve and retain certification to the ISO 14001 standard. This system holds the agency accountable for identifying and controlling environmental impacts, setting and achieving objectives and targets, and demonstrating continual improvements in performance.

For more information visit soundtransit.org/get-to-know-us/environment-sustainability.
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2024 Environmental and Sustainability Targets

Supporting people, planet and prosperity

People

- Recommend an expanded parking program for adoption by the Sound Transit Board.
- Implement family planning program to contribute to the agency’s commitment to employee wellbeing.
- Implement job description changes to reflect equity audit recommendations.

Planet

- Develop Zero Emissions Implementation Plan for ST Express bus services.
- Evaluate the feasibility of a renewable diesel pilot for Sounder.
- Evaluate solar powered back-up generation for facility lighting.
- Launch Lynnwood Link Extension with carbon-free electricity.
- Expand Clean Fuel Standard program participation with Link light rail service openings.
- Draft technical requirement guidelines for EV charger installations.
- Evaluate feasibility of an advanced ecosystem mitigation approach for TDLE or EVLE and OMF North.
- Complete ecosystem services pilot study and determine related assessment tools for all mitigation sites.
- Prepare Union Station LEED Existing Buildings Operation and Maintenance certification documents for submission.
- Establish an updated program for cleaning track alignment on a quantified and routine basis.
- Attain coverage under the Washington State National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit.

Prosperity

- Complete Snohomish County Threat Hazard Risk Identification Analysis.
- Reimplement the STPrepared Program to designate and promote emergency preparedness.
- Propose a process approach to integrate sustainable design practices into state-of-good-repair projects.
- Draft a feasibility report on sustainability improvements proposed and implemented by DB contractors.
- Update Strategic Asset Management Plan and seek ISO 55001 certification.
- Establish process for Safety Management System management review.
- Implement an off-the-shelf contract management software system designed to streamline and simplify efforts to remain paperless within PCA.
- Educate new Sound Transit staff about green procurement benefits and best options possible for micro-purchases.
- Drive staff to generate incremental increases in green procurement metrics.